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The Honorable Michael Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission The Portals 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S. W. Washington, DC 20054 02-277 01-235 01-317 00-244

Dear Chairman Powell,

Along with my colleagues, I want to personally thank you again for our meeting Monday evening, April 7. As usual, your candor was appreciated, but we really appreciated the time you gave us to have a dialogue with you on retention of the 35% cap and the NASA petition.

We are taking very seriously the points you raised. But I would like to ask that you and your staff again look at the materials we submitted in defense of the cap. I've enclosed a summary that lists the breadth of our materials. I would hope that a further examination of the facts we have submitted into the record might add some clarity to our discussion and help to further the case for retention.

Again, Mr. Chairman, thank you for your courtesy. My colleagues and I look forward to continuing this dialogue. We recognize that we all have the same goal, to insure the vitality of our communication system, especially the free locally-based over-the-air broadcasting system that is so uniquely American in its design and success.

Sincerely

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